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SUBJECT: ILO - GHANAIN POSITINS

1. SUMMARY. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES DISCUSSED ILO AFFAIRS MAY 13 WITH KEY GHANAIN OFFICIALS: A) AMEDUME, COMMISSIONER FOR LABOR IN GHANA AND PRESIDENT OF JUNE ILO CONFERENCE, AND B) ERIC OTOO, SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. AMEDUME WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT JUNE CONFERENCE WOULD ACHIEVE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS TO PERMIT US TO REMAIN IN ORGANIZATION. OTOO WAS MORE CAUTIOUS IN HIS ASSESSMENT OF CONFERENCE PROSPECTS. THESE CONVERSATIONS TOOK PLACE IN CONTEXT OF MORE WIDELY-RANGING CONVERSATIONS AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAD WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FELLI, IN WHICH AMBASSADOR YOUNG UNDERSCORED NEED TO LET SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCENTRATE ON THEIR LEGITIMATE WORK. END SUMMARY

2. AT GOVERNMENT RECEPTION FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG, MAYNES STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF JUNE CONFERENCE TO AMEDUME, URGED HIM AS CHAIRMAN TO PRACTICE SCRUPULOUS ADHERENCE TO RULES OF PROCEDURE, AND UNDERSCORED US DESIRE THAT ISSUES BE DIRECTLY FACED, NOT
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DELAYED. AMEDUME, WHO ADOPTED FRIENDLY AND UNDERSTANDING POSTURE THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION, STATED FLATLY THAT THERE WOULD BE NO BACKSLIDING AT JUNE CONFERENCE WHICH HE WAS CERTAIN WOULD BE A SUCCESS. MAYNES ASKED WHETHER DECISIONS OF TRIPOLI CONFERENCE WOULD BIND AFRICAN DELEGATIONS AT JUNE CONFERENCE TO INSIST THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL RE-OPEN 1974 RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL FOR ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ARAB WORKERS IN

OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. AMEDUME REPLIED THAT "FRANKLY" MANY AFRICAN STATES WERE VERY DISSATISFIED WITH TRIPOLI CONFERENCE AND THAT DISSATISFACTION EXPLAINED WHY SO MANY DELEGATIONS ABSENT OR DEPLETED IN STRENGTH ON FINAL DAY WHEN RESOLUTIONS ON ISRAEL ISSUE INTRODUCED. HE ASSERTED TRIPOLI DECISION WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BIND AFRICAN DELEGATIONS.

3. AT ONE POINT AMEDUME SUGGESTED THAT ARTFUL COMPROMISES MIGHT ENABLE JUNE CONFERENCE TO AVOID POLITICAL SETBACKS. MAYNES CAUTIONED THAT WHILE US HOPED TO WIN ON ISSUES IT HAD RAISED, OF ALMOST EQUAL IMPORTANCE WAS AVOIDING KIND OF COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE HOW COUNTRIES AND DIFFERENT REGIONS FELT ABOUT SOME OF THE KEY ISSUES OF PRINCIPLE US HAS RAISED. WE WANTED VOTE WHICH WOULD ENABLE US TO KNOW HOW MUCH SUPPORT CERTAIN ISSUES ENJOYED WITHIN THE ILO. MAYNES TOLD AMEDUME OUR DELEGATION AT ILO WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM ON THIS POINT AND OTHERS.

4. OTOO WAS MORE NONCOMMITAL. MAYNES EXPLAINED GREAT DANGER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, WHICH PRIMARILY BENEFIT LDC'S FACED IF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES LIKE US CONCLUDE THEY HAVE BECOME EXCESSIVELY POLITICIZED. MAYNES REVIEWED IN DETAIL US POSITIONS REGARDING ILO. OTOO ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING DUE PROCESS AND DID NOT DISPUTE LOGIC OF US CASE. HE CONCEDED IT WOULD BE A DISASTER IF US FORCED TO LEAVE ILO. BUT HE NOTED THAT ILO ENCOURAGEMENT OF FREE LABOR MOVEMENT OFTEN CREATED "PROBLEMS" FOR SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND HE DECLINED COMMENT ON WHETHER HE THOUGHT AFRICAN COUNTRIES THAT SHARE SOME OF OUR VIEWS WOULD BE WILLING TO BREAK AFRICAN UNITY AND TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED IN JUNE.

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5. AMBASSADOR YOUNG RAISED BOTH IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION AND IN PRESS CONFERENCE NEED TO DEPOLITICIZE UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. GHANAIN OFFICIALS RAISED NO OBJECTION TO AMBASSADOR'S STRONG CALL FOR LEAVING POLITICS IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECURITY COUNCIL.

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